

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 15, 2004

Division: Growth Management

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: N/A

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval to advertise an ordinance to create Section 6-17(c), Monroe County Code, providing for an annually renewable blanket permit for the removal of invasive exotic vegetation, available to not-for-profit conservation agencies as approved by the county biologist.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Permits for the removal of invasive exotic vegetation currently must be issued on a parcel specific basis. Invasive exotic removal programs presently conducted by not-for-profit conservation agencies may involve entire subdivisions with multiple developed and vacant private parcels, common areas, and publicly owned parcels and rights-of-way, thus creating permitting difficulties. A blanket permit option for approved not-for-profit agencies will facilitate invasive exotic removal programs.

PREVIOUS REVELANT BOCC ACTION: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval to advertise an ordinance providing for an annually renewable blanket permit for invasive exotic removal by approved not-for-profit conservation agencies.

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes N/A No

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH** N/A **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: 

Timothy J. McGarry, AICP, Director of Growth Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included X To Follow Not Required

DISPOSITION:

AGENDA ITEM # II

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 6-17(c), MONROE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUALLY RENEWABLE BLANKET PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF INVASIVE EXOTIC VEGETATION, AVAILABLE TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONSERVATION AGENCIES AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BIOLOGIST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE MONROE COUNTY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Year 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the Monroe County Land Development Regulations encourage removal of invasive exotic vegetation on privately and publicly held land; and

WHEREAS, current Monroe County Code permitting requirements for invasive exotic removal are specific to and require individual permits for each parcel affected; and

WHEREAS, not-for-profit conservation agencies work within subdivisions to conduct invasive exotic removal programs that involve multiple developed and vacant parcels under private and public ownership; and

WHEREAS, obtaining individual invasive exotic removal permits for the multiple parcels involved creates difficulties for those conservation agencies and hinders the progress of invasive exotic removal; and

WHEREAS, providing availability of a blanket permit for the removal of invasive exotic vegetation to not-for-profit conservation agencies as approved by the county biologist will facilitate the removal of invasive exotics from private and public lands; and

WHEREAS, based on the above findings, the Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to create the above referenced Monroe County Code; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Section 6-17(c), MCC, is hereby created to read as follows:

(c) *Blanket Invasive Exotic Removal Permit:* An annually renewable blanket permit for the removal of invasive exotic vegetation is available to not-for-profit conservation agencies as approved by the County Biologist.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the County of Monroe, Florida, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

Section 5. The provision of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of the official notice from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida that this ordinance has been filed with said Office.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Municipal Code Corporation for incorporation into the Monroe County Code of Ordinances.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Mayor Murray E. Nelson _____
Mayor Pro Tem David P. Rice _____
Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

(SEAL)

ATTEST: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK

